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SUBJECT: DEPT INSPECTION TEAM TO VISIT KIEV

REFERENCES: (A) MOSCOW 5752, (B) MOSCOW 7839

1. DEPT PRESENTLY ASSEMBLING INSPECTION TEAM OF FOUR OR FIVE OFFICERS TO CONDUCT COMPREHENSIVE INSPECTION OF PROPERTY SOVIETS HAVE OFFERED IN KIEV. TEAM HOPES TO TRAVEL BEFORE END OF JUNE. PARTY PLANNING TO SPEND TWO TO FOUR DAYS IN KIEV LOOKING AT PROPERTIES AND CONFERRING WITH LOCAL AND UNION REPUBLIC AUTHORITIES ON DETAILS OF PROPERTY REQUIREMENTS, INCLUDING LEASE TERMS, FLOOR LOADING, COSTS OF RECONSTRUCTION, AND ELECTRICAL POWER SUPPLY. EMBASSY SHOULD INFORM MFA AND KIEV AUTHORITIES IN DETAIL OF INSPECTION TEAM'S PLANS AND EXPRESS HOPE THAT PRODUCTIVE DISCUSSIONS
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WITH LOCAL OFFICIALS CAN BE ARRANGED. DEPT HOPES THAT

EMBASSY OR CONGEN OFFICERS WITH PREVIOUS KIEV INSPECTION
EXPERIENCE AND RSO HARVEY CAN ACCOMPANY TEAM ON TRIP.

2. DEPT DESIDERATA ARE OUTLINED BELOW IN DRAFT NOTE
FORM, BUT APPROACH TO MFA AND KIEV AUTHORITIES MAY BE
MADE IN ANY FORM EMBASSY CONSIDERS APPROPRIATE.

3. BEGIN TEXT: IN CONNECTION WITH THE ESTABLISHMENT OF
THE US CONSULATE GENERAL IN KIEV THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE
IS PLANNING TO SEND A GROUP OF SPECIALISTS TO THE SOVIET
UNION IN LATE JUNE OR EARLY JULY THIS YEAR. IT IS EX-
PECTED THAT THE GROUP WILL CONSIST OF FOUR OR FIVE
INDIVIDUALS. DURING THEIR VISIT TO KIEV, THEY WOULD BE
ACCOMPANIED BY OFFICERS OF THE EMBASSY AND THE CONSULATE
GENERAL IN LENINGRAD.

THE DEPARTMENT INTENDS THAT THE INSPECTION TEAM INSPECT
SEVERAL OF THE PROPERTIES OFFERED BY KIEV AUTHORITIES FOR
USE AS THE CONSULATE GENERAL OFFICE, THE RESIDENCE OF THE
CONSUL GENERAL, AND APARTMENTS FOR THE CONSULATE GENERAL
STAFF. THE INSPECTIONS WILL INCLUDE ENTRY INTO ALL FLOORS
AND ROOMS OF THE BUILDINGS, INCLUDING ATTICS, BASEMENTS,
AND AUXILIARY BUILDINGS, THE PRESENTATION OF THE INSPEC-
TION TEAM OF FLOOR PLANS OF ALL PROPERTIES TO BE VISITED,
OR IF EXTRA PLANS ARE NOT AVAILABLE, THE OPPORTUNITY TO
PHOTOCOPY THE PLANS AVAILABLE TO CITY HOUSING AUTHORITIES.

THE FOLLOWING BUILDINGS WILL BE VISITED:

-- 57/57A UL. LENINA

-- 37 REYTARSKAYA

-- 22 PANASA MIRNOGO

-- 9 CHAKALOVA

-- 53/53A UL. LENINA

-- 33 PUSHKINSKAYA

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-- 9 UL. FLORENTSIA

IN ADDITION TO THE INSPECTION OF THE PROPERTIES OFFERED,
IT IS HOPED THAT THE INSPECTION TEAM CAN HOLD DETAILED
DISCUSSIONS WITH RESPONSIBLE AUTHORITIES IN KIEV TO
DISCUSS A WIDE RANGE OF MATTERS CONNECTED WITH THE
SELECTION, FUTURE RECONSTRUCTION, LEASING AND OCCUPANCY

OF THE PROPERTIES SELECTED FOR THE USE OF THE CONSULATE GENERAL. THE EMBASSY CALLS THE ATTENTION OF THE MFA TO THE DEPARTMENT'S NOTE OF DECEMBER 30, 1974 TO THE SOVIET EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON, AND THE DETAILED LIST OF REQUIREMENTS WHICH WAS ATTACHED TO THAT NOTE. USING THE LIST AS A BASIS FOR DISCUSSION, THE INSPECTION PARTY INTENDS TO DISCUSS: POSSIBLE REMODELING OF THE VARIOUS PROPERTIES

OFFERED, THE FLOOR LOADING CAPABILITIES OF THE PROPERTIES, ELECTRICAL POWER SUPPLY, THE TERMS UNDER WHICH THE BUILDINGS WOULD BE LEASED BY THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT, AND NECESSARY RECONSTRUCTION. (FYI - UNDER THIS LATTER POINT WE WISH TO DETERMINE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE WHETHER THE SOVIETS INTEND TO CHARGE QUOTE ABOVE NORM COSTS UNQUOTE FOR RECONSTRUCTION WHICH WOULD NOT NORMALLY BE PERFORMED FOR SOVIET LESSEES. END FYI) THE LIST OF PROPERTY REQUIREMENTS FOR THE CONSULATE GENERAL INCLUDED THE PROVISION OF FIVE APARTMENTS SEPARATE FROM THE OFFICE BUILDING. ALTHOUGH THE BUILDING AT NO 9 UL. FLORENTSIA MAY BE AN ACCEPTABLE LOCATION FOR SOME OF THE APARTMENTS FOR THE CONSULATE GENERAL STAFF, IT IS DESIRED THAT TWO OF THE FIVE APARTMENTS REQUESTED, EACH OF 167 SQUARE METERS NET USABLE AREA, BE PROVIDED CLOSE TO THE CITY CENTER.

CONCERNING RECREATIONAL PROPERTY FOR THE USE OF THE CONSULATE GENERAL STAFF, WE WISH TO REITERATE THAT THE USG CONSIDERS THAT A RECREATIONAL AREA, OR DACHA IS AN IMPORTANT ELEMENT OF THE PROPERTY REQUIREMENTS. THE DALHA FOR THE CONSULATE GENERAL SHOULD BE LOCATED NEAR THE DNEIPER RIVER TO FACILITATE RECREATIONAL SWIMMING AND BOATING. THE DACHA BUILDING SHOULD HAVE AT LEAST FOUR BEDROOMS AND BE SITUATED ON A PLOT OF LAND OF APPROXI-
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MATELY TWO HECTARES SUITABLE FOR OUTDOOR RECREATION ACTIVITIES. IT IS DESIRED THAT THE DACHA BE DESIGNED FOR YEAR-AROUND USE.

ALTERNATIVELY, IF A SUITABLE DACHA IS NOT AVAILABLE, THE USG WOULD BE PREPARED TO CONSIDER LEASING A PLOT OF LAND OF APPROXIMATELY TWO HECTARES NEAR THE DNEIPER RIVER UPON WHICH SOVIET AUTHORITIES COULD CONSTRUCT A BUILDING, OR BUILDINGS, FOR THE RECREATIONAL USE OF THE CONSULATE GENERAL STAFF. (FYI - MYSHKOV HAS TOLD US THAT KIEV AUTHORITIES HAD BEEN PREPARED TO SHOW US PLOT OF LAND KIEV AUTHORITIES PLAN TO SET ASIDE, PRESUMABLY FOR QUOTE COMMUNAL UNQUOTE USE. END FYI) WOULD APPRECIATE MFA INFORMING AUTHORITIES IN KIEV OF THESE PLANS AND HOPES THE AUTHORITIES WILL BE PREPARED TO

FACILITATE THE VISIT DESCRIBED ABOVE AND TO ARRANGE MEETINGS WITH RESPONSIBLE OFFICIALS, ARCHITECTS, AND CONSTRUCTION ORGANIZATIONS TO DISCUSS THE RANGE OF TOPICS NOTED, RELEVANT TO THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE CONSULATE GENERAL. END TEXT.

4. AS PRESENT PLANS STAND, INSPECTION TEAM WOULD CONSIST OF OFFICERS FROM EUR/SOV, EUR/EX, A, DEPUTY PRINCIPAL OFFICER-DESIGNATE PORTER. A/FBO PARTICIPATION IN TEAM IS UNDER DISCUSSION.

5. DEPT WILL NOTIFY EMBASSY AS SOON AS TEAM COMPOSITION AND TRAVEL PLANS FIRM. SISCO UNQTE INGERSOLL

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